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TAGS: PINT, SHUM, CI
SUBJECT: RETURN OF PDC LEADER JAIME CASTILLO

REF: STATE 83661

1. AS DEPARTMENT ANTICIPATED (PARA 1 REFTEL) OUR CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT (PDC) CONTACTS ARE KEEPING US VERY MUCH UP TO DATE ON THE RETURN OF CASTILLO. (SEE SANTIAGO 2390 IN THIS REGARD.)

2. PARA 2 OF REFTEL PROJECTS A DEGREE OF CONFLICT AND CONFRONTATION IN CASTILLO'S RETURN THAT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN OVER-TAKEN BY EVENTS. OUR INITIAL INDICATION OF A TACIT AGREEMENT BY THE GOC FOR CASTILLO'S RETURN WAS THE DEAL REPORTEDLY WORKED OUT BY GOC ADVISOR (AND FORMER PDC MINISTER) THAYER (SANTIAGO 2390). THIS MORNING GOVERNMENT-OWNED "EL CRONISTA" STRAIGHT-FORWARDLY REPORTS THAT CASTILLO WILL RETURN MONDAY APRIL 3 "HAVING REGULARIZED HIS PASSPORT AT THE CHILEAN EMBASSY IN CARACAS."

3. THE PUBLIC SURFACING OF A "REGULARIZED" RETURN OF CASTILLO REMOVES ARGUMENTS BOTH FOR AND AGAINST SENDING AN OFFICER TO THE AIRPORT. THERE SEEMS TO BE NO QUESTION ABOUT CASTILLO'S PERSONAL SAFETY. ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE IS NO LONGER A QUESTION OF US ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE OR THAT THE ARRIVAL ITSELF WILL BE AN ACT OF POLITICAL PROVOCATION.

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4. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE INCLINE TOWARD A LOW PROFILE, E.G., AN EMBASSY LOCAL, FOR OBSERVATION PURPOSES, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE LOCAL PDC HAS NOT REQUESTED THAT A U.S. DIPLOMATIC OFFICER BE PRESENT. THERE MAY BE POLITICAL DEMONSTRATIONS (AND COUNTER-DEMONSTRATIONS) WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO COVER. HOWEVER, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HANDLE THE MATTER IN A WAY THAT DOES NOT FURTHER TAG THE PDC AS THE "AMERICAN PARTY", A VERY REAL PROBLEM AS THE

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